



City of Granite City

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MINUTES GRAPHIC REVIEW BOARD June 25, 2020

Chairman, Sharon Ryan called the meeting of the Graphic Review Board to order on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE, SWEAR-IN & COMMENTS

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the sole Petitioner was sworn in. Following the welcoming remarks, the Chair stated the Graphic Review Board is a recommending body to the City Council and the Council will make a final determination at their next meeting scheduled on July 7, 2020.

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL

Members present: John Janek, Sharon Ryan, Ritch Alexander and Frank Orris. Excused absence: Sam Akeman.

Also present were: Zoning Administrator Steve Willaredt, Attorney Derek Filcoff, Aldermen: Bob Pickerell, Gerald Williams and Dan McDowell.

MINUTES & AGENDA

A motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting May 2, 2019 and this evening's agenda was made by and seconded by. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Petitioner: Popeye's
3304 Nameoki Rd
22-1-20-0815-401-026**

The Chair introduced the Petitioner's Proposal to install a non-conforming pole sign at the Popeye's Restaurant similar to the McDonalds sign.

Chris Smith of Dale's Sign Service stated he is representing Popeye's and that they are asking for the non-conforming pole sign similar to McDonald's.

Sharon Ryan stated that for years the City of Granite City has been trying to get everyone to go to a monument style sign.

John Janek asked if the representative from Popeye's had any idea why they didn't address the McDonald's sign and its location to their property.

Edin Coralic, the architect for Popeye's explained to the Graphic Review Board that the sign had been brought up and that McDonald's had an access/easement agreement with the former owner of the property and that the agreement transferred with ownership. The easement includes the sign and is good for another 50-99 years. Mr. Coralic says that the Popeye's owners have peace with the McDonald's sign and its location.

John Janek asked if anyone on the board had any questions and there were none.

John Janek asked the audience if anyone had any objections to the sign, and there were no objections in the attendance.

There were no further comment for or against the petition.

MOTION by Ritch Alexander, second by Frank Orris to approve the petition for a non-conforming Pole Sign for Popeye's Restaurant at 3304 Nameoki Rd. Motion denied.

ROLL CALL:

John Janek	No	Sharon Ryan	No
Ritch Alexander	Yes	Frank Orris	No

**Petitioner: Hope Lutheran Church
3715 Wabash
Parcel # 22-2-20-08-08-203-027**

John Janek introduced Petitioner # 2's proposal for a non-conforming LED sign.

Dave Morris of City Signs & Designs explained that they want to replace the current brick sign that is there with a 3 color LED Message Board 3' x 7' sign that would be about 6' high off the ground, monument style.

John Janek asked if anyone on the board had any questions and there were none.

Lorena VanGord of 2020 Garfield stated that she believes an LED sign on Wabash would set a precedent for other signs and that it would impact homes around the church. She voiced her objections to the lights being a distraction inside of her home and the homes surrounding.

Melissa Snelson at 2101 Garfield objected to the LED sign. She believes it would change the neighborhood feel to that of the Las Vegas strip, from residential to a commercial look. Both of the ladies objecting explained that with no events being held at the church in the evenings, a lighted sign should not be needed.

Jim Snelson of 2101 Garfield explained that he is opposed to the sign as well. He stated that LED sign is not an issue in the daytime, but at night he thinks they are obnoxious, and he would not like one across the street from his home.

Other neighbors voiced their objections to the sign as well.

Steve Willaredt explained that the Ordinance does not read that the signs must be turned off at night. He explained that those restrictions may have been part of the special use for that specific sign.

Sharon Ryan asked if there was anything in the Ordinance about the frequency of sign face changes. Steve Willaredt stated no.

MOTION by Sharon Ryan, second by Frank Orris to approve the petition for a non-conforming LED Sign at 3715 Wabash, for Hope Lutheran Church. Motion denied.

ROLL CALL:

John Janek	No	Sharon Ryan	No
Ritch Alexander	No	Frank Orris	No

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION to adjourn by Sharon Ryan, second by Ritch Alexander. Voice vote. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanye Weinoffer
Secretary,
Graphic Review Board

GRAPHIC REVIEW BOARD ADVISORY REPORT
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Petitioner (1): **Popeye's**
 3304 Nameoki Rd
 22-1-20-0815-401-026

MOTION by Ritch Alexander, second by Frank Orris to approve the petition for a non-conforming Pole Sign for Popeye's Restaurant at 3304 Nameoki Rd. Motion denied.

ROLL CALL:

John Janek	No	Sharon Ryan	No
Ritch Alexander	Yes	Frank Orris	No

*****end of Advisory Report*****

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**Petitioner (2): Hope Lutheran Church
 3715 Wabash
 Parcel # 22-2-20-08-08-203-027**

MOTION by Sharon Ryan, second by Frank Orris to approve the petition for a non-conforming LED Sign at 3715 Wabash, for Hope Lutheran Church. Motion denied.

ROLL CALL:

John Janek	No	Sharon Ryan	No
Ritch Alexander	No	Frank Orris	No

*****end of Advisory Report*****